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Chief Health Officer makes announcement regarding flu vaccine allotment

(Phoenix) – Maricopa County Chief Health Officer Dr. Jonathan Weisbuch, M.D., M.P.H., made an announcement today concerning the additional flu doses coming to Arizona.

“I believe it is in the best interest of county residents that the doses coming to Arizona be distributed to private sector health care providers,” Weisbuch said. “This will allow the private sector to carry out their customary function of flu vaccine distribution as in prior years.”

According to the Arizona Department of Health Services, Arizona will receive about 240,000 doses and will be sold to private health care providers and county health departments who will in turn distribute the vaccines to those at high risk. For further details please contact ADHS.

The Maricopa County Department of Public Health encourages its residents to contact their private health clinics and health providers to find out more information about distribution of this anticipated allotment.

At the present time, Maricopa County and the nation has not seen widespread flu activity, Weisbuch said. With the expectation of additional vaccine, high risk residents will have plenty of time to be vaccinated. In normal years, only 50 to 60 percent of high risk people get vaccinated in Maricopa County, these additional doses will be able to cover that percentage of individuals.

Individuals who received a yellow confirmation letter from the county's allotment from the state and who did not make their appointment time may go to one of three Maricopa County immunization clinics during normal business hours until Dec. 10 to receive their flu shot. Clinic locations are:

- Glendale – West Valley Immunization 6666 W Peoria Ave Ste 113.
9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday.
- Mesa – East Mesa Immunization 6118 E Main St Ste 101. 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Wednesday and Thursday.
- Phoenix – Spectrum Mall 1703 W Bethany Home Rd. 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday
to Friday.

In terms of the county's pediatric doses; our childhood immunization clinics continue to have flu shots available for 6 to 23 month old children without a prescription. Children 2 to 18 years old with a doctor's prescription may go to any of our childhood immunization clinics during their normal business hours to receive a flu shot. See www.cir.org or www.maricopa.gov/flu for clinic times, dates and locations.